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L  Amendment/Reply      III.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
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 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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L  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      01-020560-04 10001,489 00000.00 available

L.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

III.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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